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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 1013

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC, ET, CA

SUBJECT: TENNECO HELICOPTER INCIDENT

REF: COOKE-ROGERS TELECON 4/8/74

1. EXTAFF AFRICAN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS CALLED IN EMBOFF TO DISCUSS SITUATION OF "TENNECO FIVE" HELD BY ELF. EXTAFF HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY SPOLKESMAN OF CAN WEST AVIATION FOR FAILURE TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN RELEASE. EXTAFF HAS REFUTED CHARGE IN PRESS RELEASE, BUT OFFICIALS ANXIOUS TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US AUTHORITIES.

2. AFTER REFTELCON, EMBOFF WAS ABLE TO GIVE LATEST SITREP, WHICH COINCIDED WITH EXTAFF UNDERSTANDING. CAN EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA, HOWEVER, HAS REPORTED RUMORS THAT ELF WILL DEMAND RANSOM FOR HOSTAGES, POSSIBLE CASH OR RELEASE OF ELF MEMBER HELD FOR KILLING ETHIOPIAN OFFICER SHOULD THIS DEVELOP, GOC WOULD WISH TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH USG BEFORE TAKING NEXT STEP.

3. FYI: EXTAFF STILL SMARTING FROM CRITICISM FOR ALLEGED FAILURE TO DO UTMOST FOR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF VICTORIAL FALLS SHOOTING LAST MAY. OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO WE CAN OFFER, EVEN AT RISK OF
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TO THIS EMBASSY.END FYI
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